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SUBJ: PRG ISSUE AT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

REF: A. STATE 8673; B. STATE 12513; C. STATE 14506

1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTELS, EMBOFF CALLED JAN 22 ON DIRECTOR FOR LEGAL AND SOCIAL COOPERATION UNDER DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES AT MFA, SR TA. BOCETA. AS SUGGESTED IN REF C, EMBOFF TURNED OVER COPY OF TEXT OF U.S. NOTE GIVEN JAN 11 TO MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM. SR TA. BOCETA EXPRESSED THANKS FOR FULL TEXT OF NOTE WHICH MINISTRY HAD READ ABOUT IN PRESS. EMBOFF THEN DISCUSSED U.S. POSITION ON PRG ISSUE AS PRESENTED IN REFS A AND B EXPRESSING HOPE THAT GOS WOULD CONTINUE TO OPPOSE BY A RECORDED NEGATIVE VOTE PRG PARTICIPATION IN SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR CONVENING IN GENEVA FEB 3 AND AT SEVENTH WMO CONGRESS CONVENING IN GENEVA IN APRIL.

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2. STRA. BOCETA SAID THAT MFA HAD HELD MEETING ONE DAY EARLIER ON ISSUE OF PRG PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS IN RESPONSE TO NOTE VERBALE FROM EMBASSY OF REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM (LOCATED IN ROME) AND IN ANTICIPATION OF EMBASSY OFFICER'S SCHEDULE VISIT JAN 22. MFA HAD ALREADY INSTRUCTED ITS EMBASSY IN ROME TO INFORM VIETNAMESE EMBASSY THAT ITS REPRESENTATIVE AT SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR WOULD VOTE AGAINST SEATING OF PRG REPRESENTATIVE. STRA. BOCETA POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT GOS WAS EVEN MORE CONCERNED BY IMPLICATIONS OF A RECOMMENDATION MADE BY CONSENSUS IN COMMITTEE AT FIRST SESSION OF CONFERENCE TO INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING PHRASE IN ARTICLE ONE TO ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL NUMBER ONE TO GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949 ON PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF WAR: "...STRUGGLES AGAINST COLONIAL AND FOREIGN OCCUPATION AND AGAINST RACIAL REGIMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION..." MFA BELIEVED THAT NATURE OF CONSENSUS REACHED IN COMMITTEE ON INTRODUCING SUCH LANGUAGE IN ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL WOULD OPEN UP A PANDORA'S BOX FOR RECOGNITION OF ANY TYPE OF REBELLIOUS OR TERRORIST GROUPING WITH PRETENSIONS ABOUT REPRESENTING ALLEGED LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES. GOS WAS CONCERNED THAT, MUCH AS IT OPPOSED THE ADOPTION OF SUCH LANGUAGE IN CONVENTION, THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE AMONG PARTICIPANTS AT FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR A WAY OUT OF THE PROCEDURAL DILEMMA PRESENTED BY A RECOMMENDATION REACHED BY CONSENSUS. GOS WAS ALREADY CANVASSING WESTERN COUNTRIES FOR THEIR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE BUT SO FAR HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GET DEFINITE COMMITMENTS OPPOSED TO THE ADOPTION OF SUCH LANGUAGE. WITHOUT CLAIMING TO PREJUDGE U.S. POSITION ON ISSUE, EMBOFF SAID THAT ONE ASPECT OF BASIC POSITION OF U.S. WAS THAT FUTURE PRACTICAL WORK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MEETINGS WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED BY THE INDISCRIMINATE ADMISSION AND PARTICIPATION OF REBELLIOUS OR TERRORIST GROUPS WITHOUT ANY LEGITIMATE CLAIM TO REPRESENT A GOVT WITH TERRITORY, CAPITAL, AND AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

3. MFA DIRECTOR SAID GOS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY OPPOSE PRG OBSERVER STATUS AT SEVENTH WMO CONGRESS ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC ISSUE HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED.

4. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR OF UN AFFAIRS, SR.
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SANTILLESTRA, EMBOFF LEARNED THAT GOS HAD DECIDED TO OPPOSE PRG PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN MEETING SCHEDULED IN VIENNA FEB 4-MAR 14 BY UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE ON ISSUE OF REPRESENTATION OF STATES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
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